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# The Spoke

The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs  
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# Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

June 13, 2012



## Last Meeting

**President Jim** presided. **Chris Cole** delivered the invocation. **David Van Sleet** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Mike Liggins** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** conducted a rousing rendition of *Sing, Everyone Sing!*

**Bedding for the Future...Marjorie Rubacky** briefed us the “Old Fashioned Bed Race” which will take place as part of the Bonita Springs July 4th Celebration. The race will be comprised of a “round trip” from Benson’s Grocery to Pennsylvania Avenue on Old 41. Participation is limited to the first eight teams who sign up—so call 325-7866 for additional information. Proceeds benefit YMCA camp scholarships.



**A Birthday Serenade...our** meetings often provide a setting for the unexpected and the remarkable.

Such was the case this past week when our RYE student Bronis Prestes along with his brother Max sang Happy Birthday to **Ray Faubion** in Portuguese. Thanks gentlemen for the song and your visit.

**Keep training...Brian Olitsky** reminded us that the “Star Spangled 5K” will take place 7:00 am July 4th. The race will kick off Bonita’s Independence Day celebration. We are looking for runners and helpers. A sign-up sheet will start circulating this morning.



## Last Week’s Program David Van Sleet “Wounded Warrior Softball”



Last week we were honored to hear a program marked by courage, poignancy, and commitment as David Van Sleet visited and briefed us on the activities of the National

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team.

David is the team’s creator, founder, and head coach and has been involved in prosthetics since 1980, specializing in the fabrication and fitting of prostheses for the VA and commercial offices he has owned and operated.

But the real story was “The Team,” an inspirational and talented group of veterans and active duty soldiers who have lost limbs post 9/11 while serving their country. The Team’s website describes its mission as that of raising “awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military, and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge.”

David’s remarks (and video) underscored the Team’s vision of supporting and honoring our soldiers and veterans, their sacrifices, and how “life without a limb is limitless.” Thanks David for a profoundly moving presentation.

## Foundation Update

**Ray Faubion**, Trustee Chairman of our Club



Foundation offered a grant report and news of a new initiative. Specifically for the ten months ending April 30, 2012, our Club Foundation made grants to the following organizations or projects: Dictionary Project; Bonita Assistance Office, Literary Council; Guatemalan Water Project; Spring Creek and Bonita Elementary Schools; Interact “Make A Wish;” Rotary Camp Florida, Rotary Foreign Exchange Stipend; Meals of Hope; TRF-Match Grant, Salvation Army, YMCA, Polio Plus and the Veteran’s Memorial.

We also learned of the Foundation's plan to designate a certain amount of corpus to establish a scholarship endowment. The initial goal for such fund will be \$100,000 with a long term goal in excess of \$500,000. Thanks Ray for this comprehensive report.

## Rotary Board Retreat



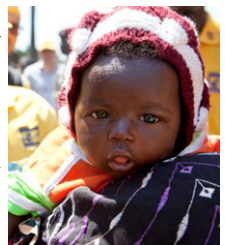
This past Saturday your Board met for a morning long retreat where a variety of issues were discussed and evaluated—from survey results to potential program and policy initiatives. Thanks to **Joe Murgalo** for making the wonderful meeting space at the Hyatt available for our use. We appreciated it very much.

*From Rotary International*

## Rotary’s “Urgent Priority”

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13.

The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries – Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan – to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared “the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health.”



**Polio eradication activities have resulted in several landmark successes since 2010. India, long regarded as the nation facing the greatest challenges to eradication, was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February. Outbreaks in previously polio-free countries were nearly all stopped.**

“We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it,” says Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. “It is now a question of political and societal will. Do we choose to deliver a polio-free world to future generations, or do we choose to allow 55 cases this year to turn into 200,000 children paralyzed for life, every single year?”

Since the start of 2012, the GPEI has moved its operations into emergency mode. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has activated its Emergency Operations Center, UNICEF has officially activated an Interdivisional Emergency Coordinating Committee operating directly under the deputy executive director, and WHO has moved its polio operations to its Strategic Health Operations Centre.

**In March, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reaffirmed that polio eradication is the Foundation’s urgent priority. In addition, Rotary senior leaders have launched a series of one-on-one meetings with the heads of state of the polio-endemic countries.**

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This Weeks Big Prize—\$1,921



An overjoyed **Rick Barber** drew the Four of Hearts to win \$5.00.

As always...the  
real winner is our Foundation which  
gets one half of the prize purse.

Happy Birthday

Melissa Taylor, June 9

**The Spoke**

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The 4-Way Test  
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the TRUTH?  
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?  
Will it build GOODWILL and  
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?



*Let's Sing, Rotarians!*

***You're A Grand Old Flag***



You're a grand old flag;  
You're a high flying flag  
And forever in peace may  
you wave.  
You're the emblem of the  
land I love,  
The home of the free and the  
brave  
Every heart beats true  
Under red, white, and blue  
And there's never a boast or brag  
Should old acquaintance be forgot  
Keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!!!

**Rotary Make-Up Opportunities**

Monday	Fort Myers South/Holiday Inn Bell Tower (Noon)
Tuesday	Estero Spring Run 11:45 am
Wednesday	Naples Gulf Shore 730 am Naples Beach Hotel 12:15pm Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
Thursday	Naples North Country Club of Naples 7:30 am Bonita Springs-Spanish Wells CC
Friday	Naples-Pelican Bay Club at Pelican Bay 7:15 am

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